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☐ Petition
☐ Disclosure Statement & PTO-1449
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/825,360
Filing Date	March 28, 1997
Examiner Name	Tuan Quach
First Named Inventor	Liao, et al.
Group Art Unit	2814
Attorney Docket Number	761/PTUS/CVD

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0782
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
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In response to the Final Official Action dated August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

1. Amendment to the Claims; and
2. Remarks and Discussion of Issues.

A Notice of Appeal with a three months extension of time fee was filed on February 13, 2003. A five-month extension of time fee is herein included to extend the time for this response to and including September 15, 2003 (September 13, 2003 falling on a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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